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House Resolution No. 1696

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who admirably answered the patriotic call to national service through their enlistment in the various branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Alex Hilliard is the son of Chris and Barbara Hilliard, the sibling of eight wonderful children, and a homeschooled graduate from Norwood, Missouri; and

Whereas, in October 2002 Alex Hilliard enlisted in the United States Navy, since which time he has been stationed in San Diego, California; and

Whereas, a Corpsman Third Class, Alex Hilliard has served two tours of duty in Iraq, the first from July 2005 to February 2006 with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit at Al Asad Air Base and the second from July 2006 to February 2007 with Helicopter Marine Medium (HMM 364) CASEVAC at Al Taquaddum; and

Whereas, during his time in military service, Petty Officer Alex Hilliard has earned the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment ribbon with bronze star, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Navy Achievement Medal; and

Whereas, the Sailor of the Quarter for the 3rd Marine Air Wing, Petty Officer Alex Hilliard also has qualified for the Air Medal; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative activities in order to acknowledge the attainments garnered thus far in the life and work of such outstanding Missouri citizens as Alex Hilliard:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Petty Officer Third Class Alex Hilliard and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Corpsman Third Class Alex Hilliard of the United States Navy.

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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House

Resolution No. 1696, adopted April 3, 2007.

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